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Examiner: D. McNally

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Citations BA and BB are cited references in an Office Action (copy enclosed together with an English translation) mailed on April 15, 2008, issued by the Japanese Patent Office for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-537589. JP 09-157621A, also mentioned in that Office Action has already been submitted to the USPTO in an Information Disclosure Statement. With respect to JP 2967539B2, which was also mentioned in that Office Action, the corresponding patent application publication JP 03-112190A has already been submitted to the USPTO.

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